



Honorary Life Vice-President: Mr Nick Hallam, Croydon Amphibians SC

It's amazing what you can find out about a person on LinkedIn! Who knew that Nick Hallam could speak five languages – English, French, Spanish and Turkish - plus IT-Speak? We are most grateful for the latter for our events at the London Aquatics Centre where he is the “go-to” AOE timing manager for anyone organising an event there.

We are reassured that, when it becomes important, Nick is also very adept at building Lego models from Star Wars and the like, and is on first-name terms with the staff in the Lego shop at Westfield, Stratford!

Nick came to swimming as a schoolboy in the school swimming squad, but rugby was his passion. Later on, with his own children joining Beccehamian RFC, he coached mini and junior rugby. He became involved with swimming over 20 years ago when they joined Croydon Amphibians SC. Along with many officials and volunteers, one gala in the gallery was more than enough for Nick! Having observed the difficulties being experienced by the timing operators, he didn't even last the whole gala in the gallery. He sped down to poolside to offer his assistance, which was happily accepted. The rest, as they say, is history! Rugby's loss is most certainly Swimming's gain.

Working alongside Alan Thurlow, they make a reliable, knowledgeable and unflappable team! If he is not present at the meet, operators know how to contact him for technical advice – and they do – at any time of the day (or night!)

Nick has been involved with Croydon Amphibians SC as Chair and then President since 2012. He has been Meet Delivery Lead for London Region since 2013 and provides ad-hoc technical support to clubs, Counties, Regions, national bodies and schools. Since 2014 Nick has been Chair of the London Region Events Committee, delivering the Regional Summer and Winter Championships. He has also been the lead in delivering the Croydon Borough Championships since 2015. He is truly an expert in all things AOE. Most weekends he is to be found at a swimming pool. The LAC is almost his second home, but he has travelled widely to support other AOE operators and organisations, we even sent him to Coventry for the ESSA championships!

As a stalwart of meet management and for services to club management, Nick Hallam is a well deserved nominee for Honorary Life Vice-President.

